

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this international Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.					
2.	2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.					
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 With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):

	Des	cription, Pages			
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With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Allanguage in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item					
	The	se elements were ava	ailable or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:		
		the language of a tra	nslation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).		
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3.	With inte	n regard to any nucle rnational preliminary e	otide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:		
		contained in the inter	rnational application in written form.		
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4.	The	amendments have re	esulted in the cancellation of:		
		the description,	pages:		
		the claims,	Nos.:		
		the drawings,	sheets:		

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5. 🗆	This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).
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- 6. Additional observations, if necessary:
- V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims
No: Claims

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims
No: Claims

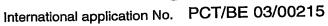
Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims
No: Claims

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No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

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information carrier.

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2002/044520 A1 (KABASAWA HIDETOSHI) 18 April 2002 (2002-04-18)

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a transfer device for information carriers of different sizes (11, 12) comprising:

- a mobile frame (40, 70) ensuring the transfer of the information carrier and cooperating with a slider (31) ensuring the setting in operative position of said

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known transfer device in that it comprises (the references in parentheses applying to the device of the present application): detection means (32) cooperating with the inserted carrier and associated with a mobile linking means (40) cooperating with projections (5OA, 5OB) provided on the slider (52) to ensure the connection between the devices ensuring the transfer and the setting in operative position at spaced-apart levels in relation with the size of the inserted information carrier (5,7).

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as providing an alternative to the device of the state of the art.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because the features of the characterising part are neither disclosed nor rendered obvious by any of the document cited in the International Search Report.

Claims 2-9 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.